(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had received applications for launching DTH operations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no such law under consideration of the Government. However, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) is presently engaged in discussing a draft treaty on protection of rights of broadcasting organizations which, *inter alia,* includes prevention of signal piracy.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. So far, five companies have applied for grant of DTH license. One of these has been granted a license. The other applications are under consideration.

Swift judicial redressal

*357. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to implement swift judicial redressal;

(b) if so, whether Government have estimated cost of Rs. 2514 crores to implement the proposals;

(c) the details thereof;

(d) whether a special cell would be set up to monitor progress of the reforms;

(e) whether Government are considering to have low cost redressal of grievances for the common and fast track clearances for high-value litigations;

(f) if so, whether any concrete judicial reforms have been considered; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) Department of Justice has identified a few core areas where judicial reforms are needed on priority basis. These include continuation of existing Fast Track Courts (FTCs), creation of additional FTCs, Computerization of District and Subordinate judiciary and creation of physical infrastructure. The Government, has approved a central sector project for computerization of subordinate judiciary at a cost of Rs. 384.53 crores

(d) Administration of Justice and Judicial Reforms are subject matters dealt with by the Department of Justice. Staff strength in Department of Justice are augmented as and when considered necessary.

(e) to (g) Low cost redressal mechanism in the form of ADR such as LokAdalats continue to operate. As on June, 2004,2,23,159 LokAdalats have been held leading to settlement in 1,63,31,357 cases, half of which related to motor accident claims. Section 89 of the Code of Civil Procedure, as amended in the year 2002, has opened the scope of introduction of concilliation, mediation and pre-trial settlement methodologies.

Law Commission in its 188th report, has recommended constitution of Hi-tech Fast Track Commercial Divisions in High Courts.

Non-utilisation of funds earmarked for physically challenged

*358. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the report prepared by the National Centre for Promotion of Employment for the Disabled People has found that out of all the minority groups in the country, the physically challenged have been the most neglected;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a considerable amount out of the funds earmarked towards the physically challenged remained unutilized;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps Government are contemplating in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) No report from the National Centre for Promotion of Employment for the Disabled People has been received by this Ministry.